

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application and the independent claims have been amended; reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claims 1-21 were rejected as anticipated by Klaassen. The Examiner pointed to Figs.3,7,8 and col.9, ln.36 through col.10, ln.26.

Applicants reply that the independent claims (claims 1, 8, and 15) have been amended to require the bias current through the magnetoresistive head be taken from one current and added to another parallel current. In contrast, Klaassen Fig.8 has the current through R_{mr} as the entire emitter current from npn 804 plus the entire collector current from pnp 805, and Figs.3,7 are single-ended amplifiers with the current through R_{mr} to circuit common or ground. Consequently, Klaassen does not suggest the amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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